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# The Doll Man

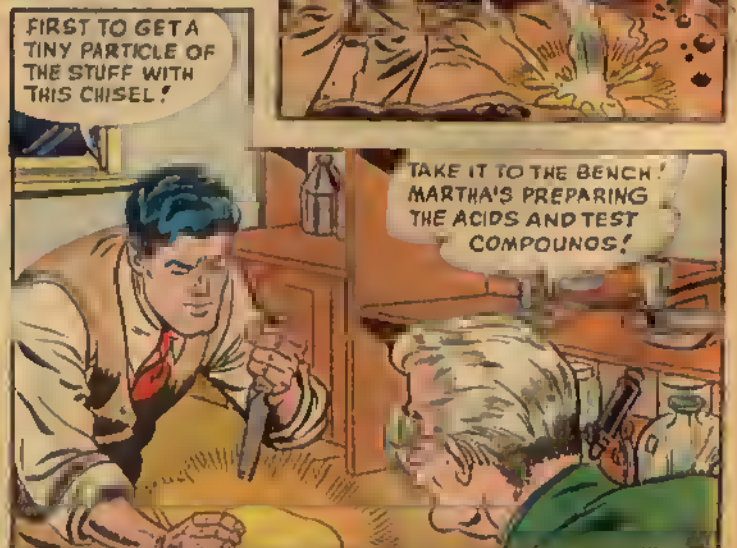
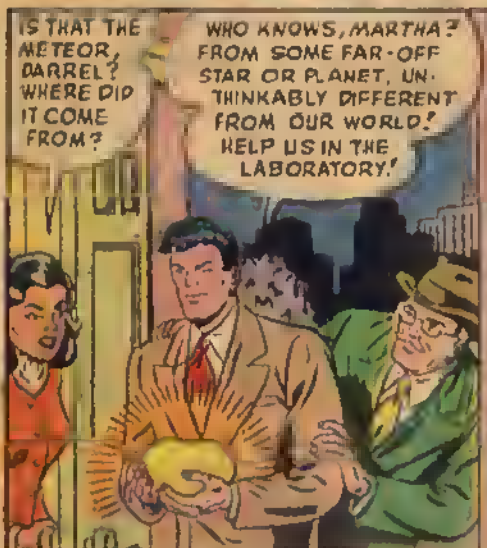
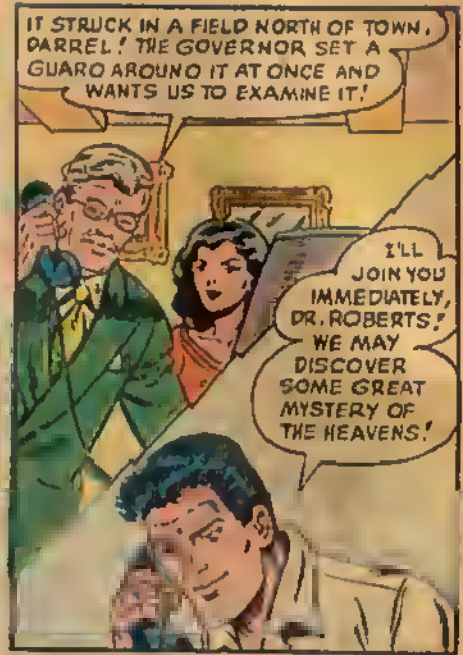
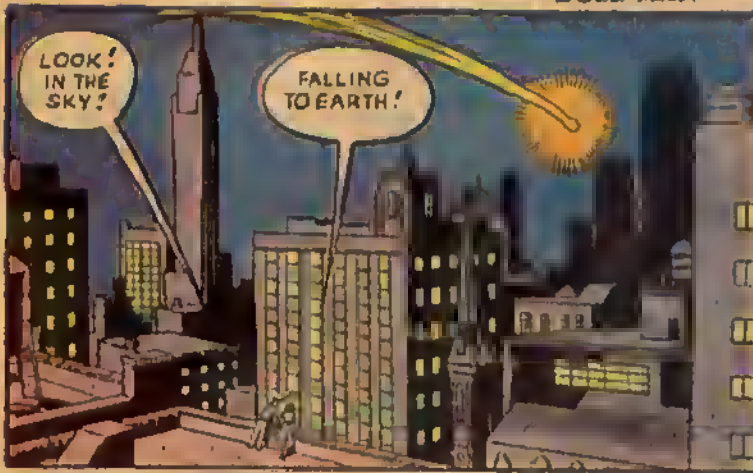
**LORD OF LIGHTNING!**

FROM THE HEAVENS CAME A METEOR  
--LADEN WITH AN ELEMENT THAT  
MEANT UNPRECEDENTED POWER  
FOR GOOD OR EVIL!  
EVIL WAS WHAT THAT POWER  
BECAME... AND THE DOLL MAN  
CHALLENGED IT!



**W**HEN DARREL DANE CONCENTRATES HIS MYSTIC MIGHT OF WILL  
POWER, THE FORCES OF THE UNIVERSE TURN HIM INTO THAT  
MAGNIFICENT MITE OF COURAGE AND WISDOM, THE DOLL MAN!





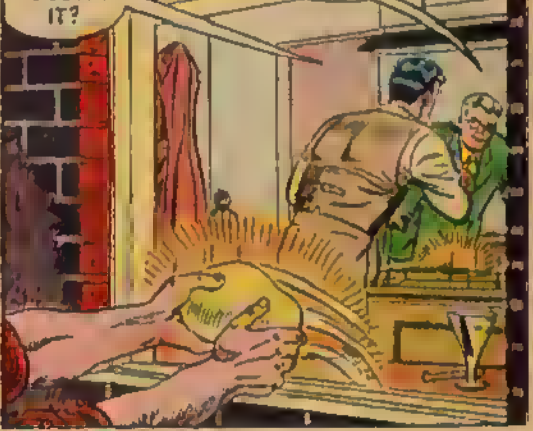
OBSERVE THIS REACTION! WHAT DOES IT SUGGEST, DR. ROBERTS?

SOMETHING WONDERFUL! BUT LET'S MAKE A SECOND TEST WITH THE OTHER CHEMICAL!



NOW LOOK! THE SECOND TEST CONFIRMS IT. DOESN'T IT?

THE METEOR HAS BROUGHT TO EARTH A NEW METAL... STRANGELY POWERED!



EXACTLY! IN ITS PURE STATE IT WILL GATHER ELECTRICAL FORCES... SERVE AS AN INEXHAUSTIBLE BATTERY!

A BLESSING TO THE WORLD IN GOOD HANDS... IN BAD HANDS, A CURSE!



MARTHA'S RIGHT, CARREL! LET'S PUT THE METEOR IN A SAFE PLACE...

IT'S GONE!



THE THING'S MINE... IT FELL IN MY FIELD! IF ANYBODY GETS ANYTHING OUT OF IT, I WILL!

YOU'RE QUITE RIGHT, MY FRIEND! I, TOO, LISTENED OUTSIDE DR. ROBERTS' HOUSE! THE THING IS YOURS, AND VALUABLE... AND I'LL BUY IT!

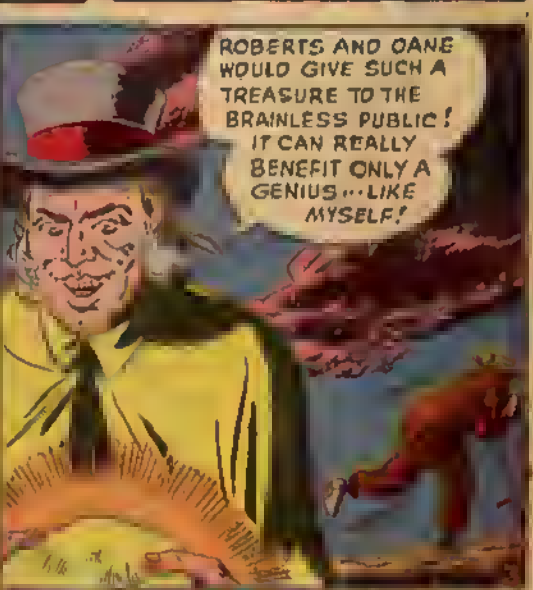


SUPPOSE I GIVE YOU FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS... AND NOTHING SAID!

FIVE HUNDRED? IT'S A DEAL, MISTER!

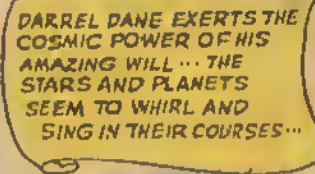
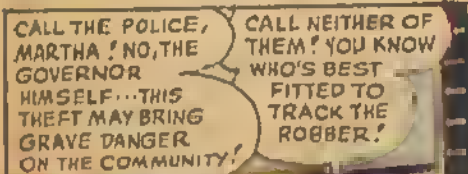
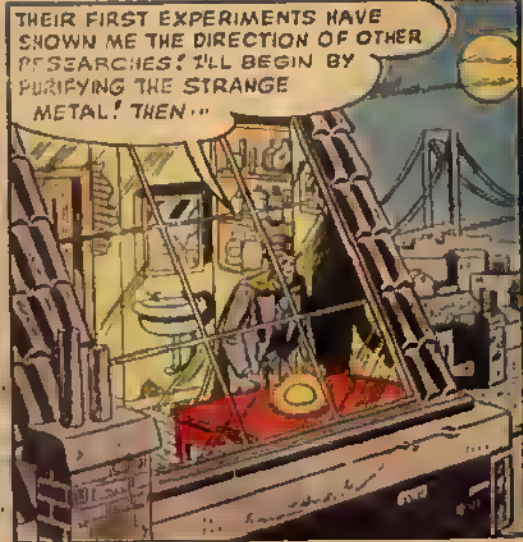


ROBERTS AND OANE WOULD GIVE SUCH A TREASURE TO THE BRAINLESS PUBLIC! IT CAN REALLY BENEFIT ONLY A GENIUS... LIKE MYSELF!

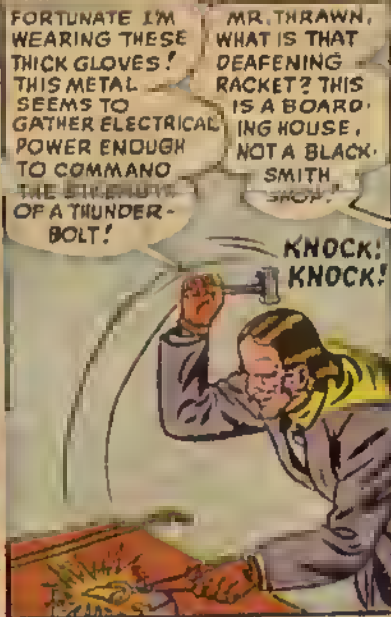




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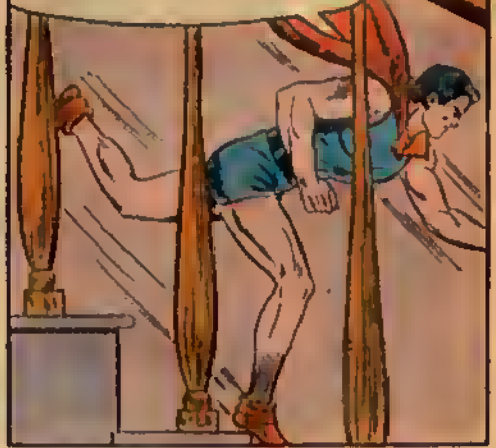
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HE ONLY WAVED THE  
GLOWING THING AT ME...  
IT WAS LIKE A TERRIBLE  
ELECTRIC SHOCK!

YES, I KNOW! HERE, DRINK THIS!  
AND SIT STILL UNTIL YOU'VE  
RECOVERED! I'LL FOLLOW  
YOUR AIR, THAWN!



HE MUST HAVE REFINED THE METEOR'S  
METAL! IT GATHERS ALL NATURAL  
ELECTRICITY FROM THE ATMOSPHERE...  
A WEAPON FOR THE GODS IN THE  
HANDS OF AN EVIL MORTAL!



OPEN AT 9 A.M.? BUT MY NEW  
POSSESSION SAYS THAT IT  
OPENS NOW!



NOT MUCH HUMOR IN  
MY NATURE... BUT I  
LAUGH AT LOCKSMITHS  
ANYWAY!



WHAT WAS THAT?  
SOUNDBO LIKE  
LIGHTNING  
BLASTING OPEN  
THE DOOR!

EXACTLY, MY FRIEND!  
I'VE COME TO VISIT  
YOUR BANK AND  
COLLECT A FEW  
SOUVENIRS  
OF MY CALL!



YOU'RE UNDER  
ARREST...  
OWWW!

WRITE THOSE  
DOWN AS  
YOUR LAST  
WORDS!



HIS FIRST VICTIM... DEAD!  
AND BEYOND THERE HE'S  
OPENING THE VAULT!



# DOLL MAN

MONEY! I'LL TAKE ONLY THESE SHEAFs OF BIG BILLS... LIKEWISE THESE NEGOTIABLE BONDS!



I'LL APPEAR BEFORE HIM AS A NORMAL MAN... THE DARREL DANE HE SAW WHEN HE SPIED ON US AT DR. ROBERTS' HOME!

A SPLENDID HAUL! WITH THESE FUNDS I CAN TAKE MY RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE WORLD!

NOTHING YOU CAN TAKE THERE WILL CONSTITUTE AS GREAT A THEFT AS THE METEOR METAL, MR. THRAWN!



IT'S DARREL DANE! YOU TRACKED ME DOWN SOME- NOW! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

REMOVE YOU FROM THE EARTH LIKE THE DANGEROUS BEAST YOU ARE!



DANGEROUS I AM... BUT NO BEAST! THIS BLADE GIVES ME THE POWER OF ANGELS!

DEVILS, YOU MEAN!

HERE IT COMES... BUT MY BODY WON'T BE WHERE IT STRIKES!



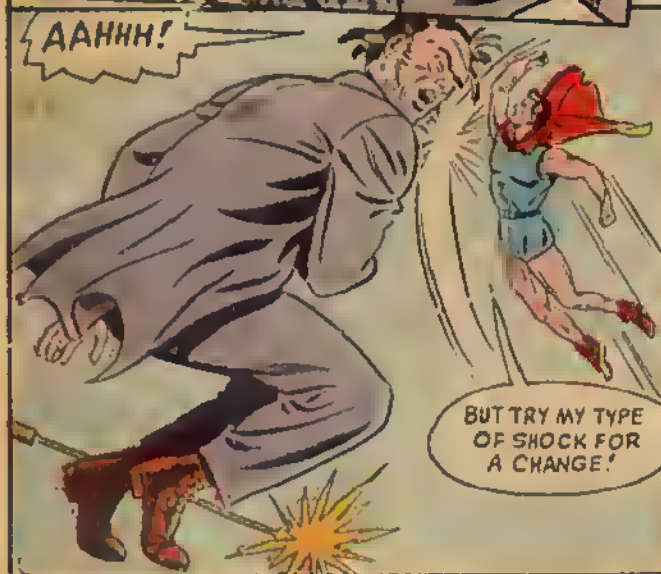
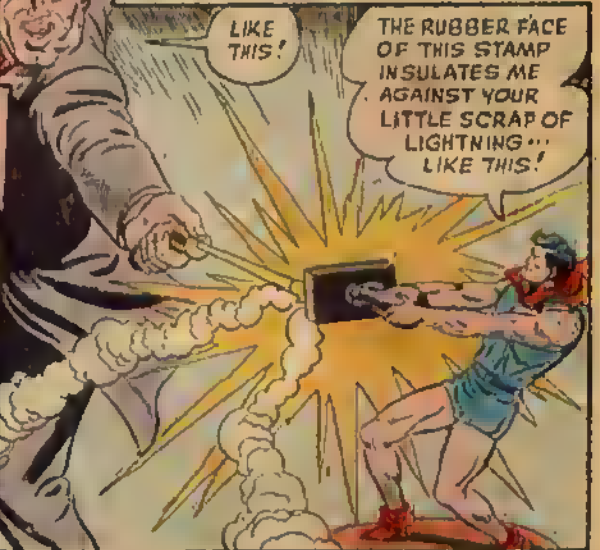
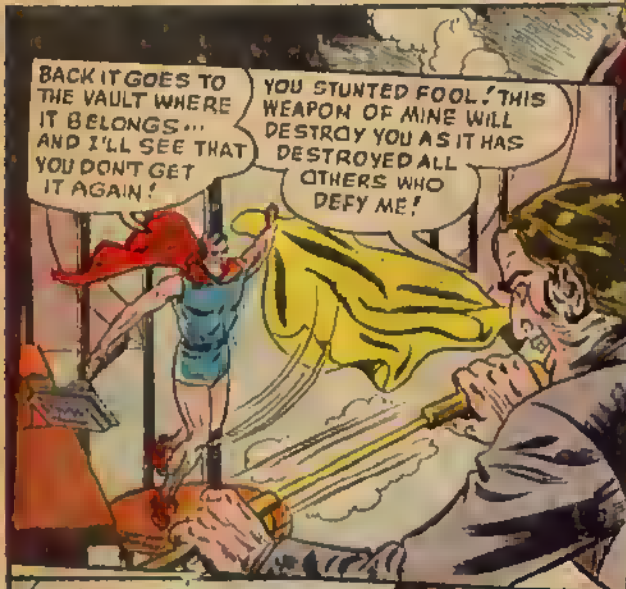
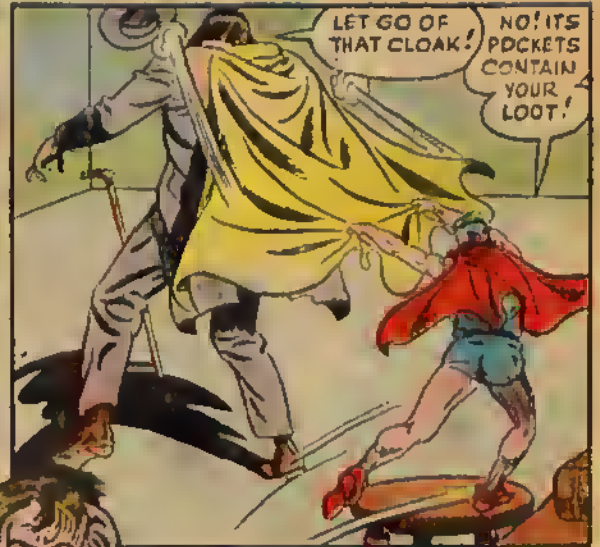
DEVILS, THEN! HAVE IT YOUR OWN WAY... IT'S YOUR DYING PRIVILEGE!

HE'S FINISHED... BLASTED OUT OF EXISTENCE!

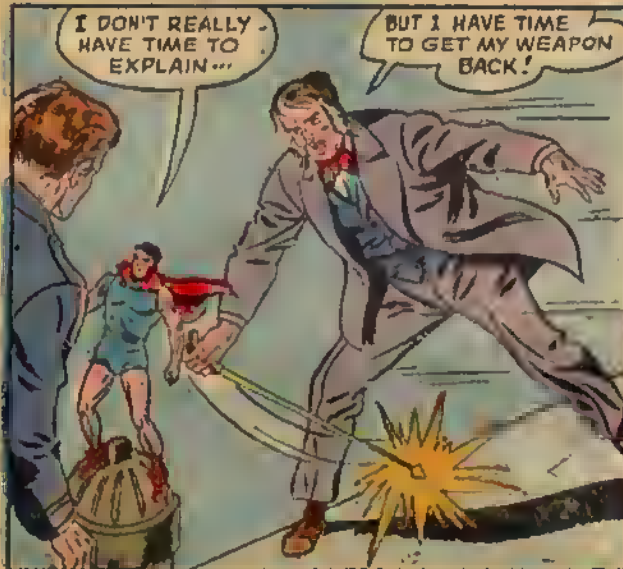
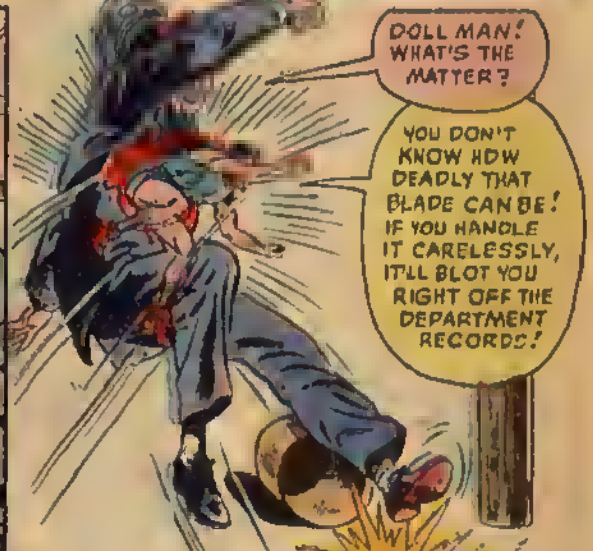
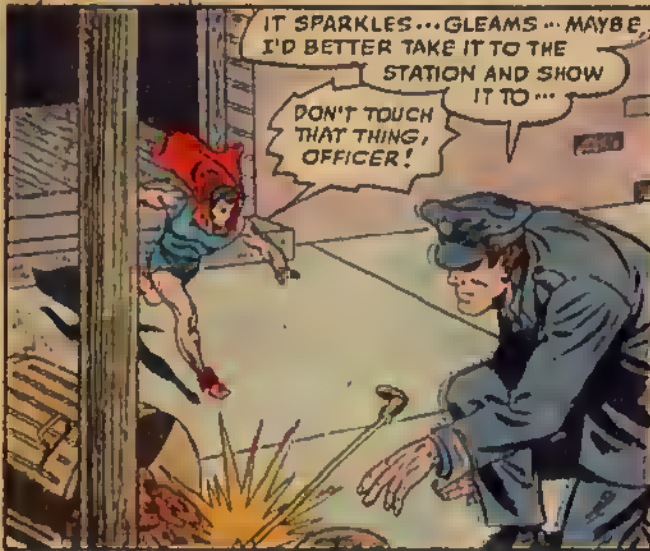
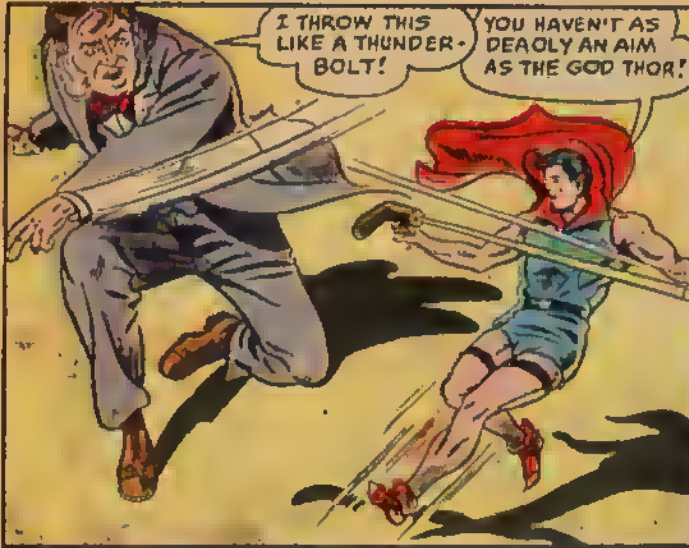
THE POWER OF THE METAL MUST BE INCREASING! I SEE NO TRACE OF DARREL DANE'S BODY!







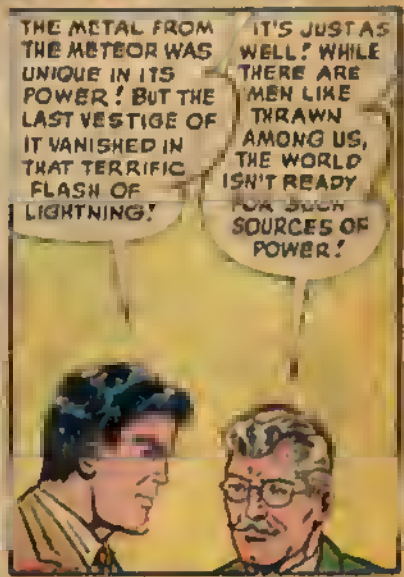
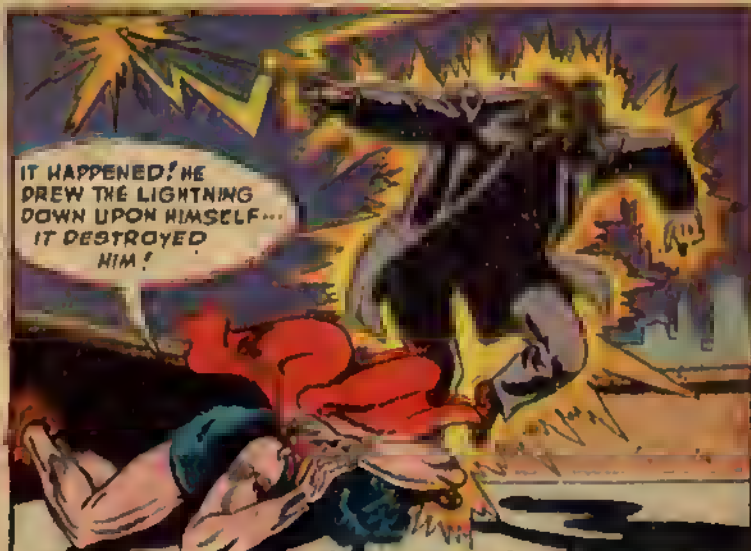
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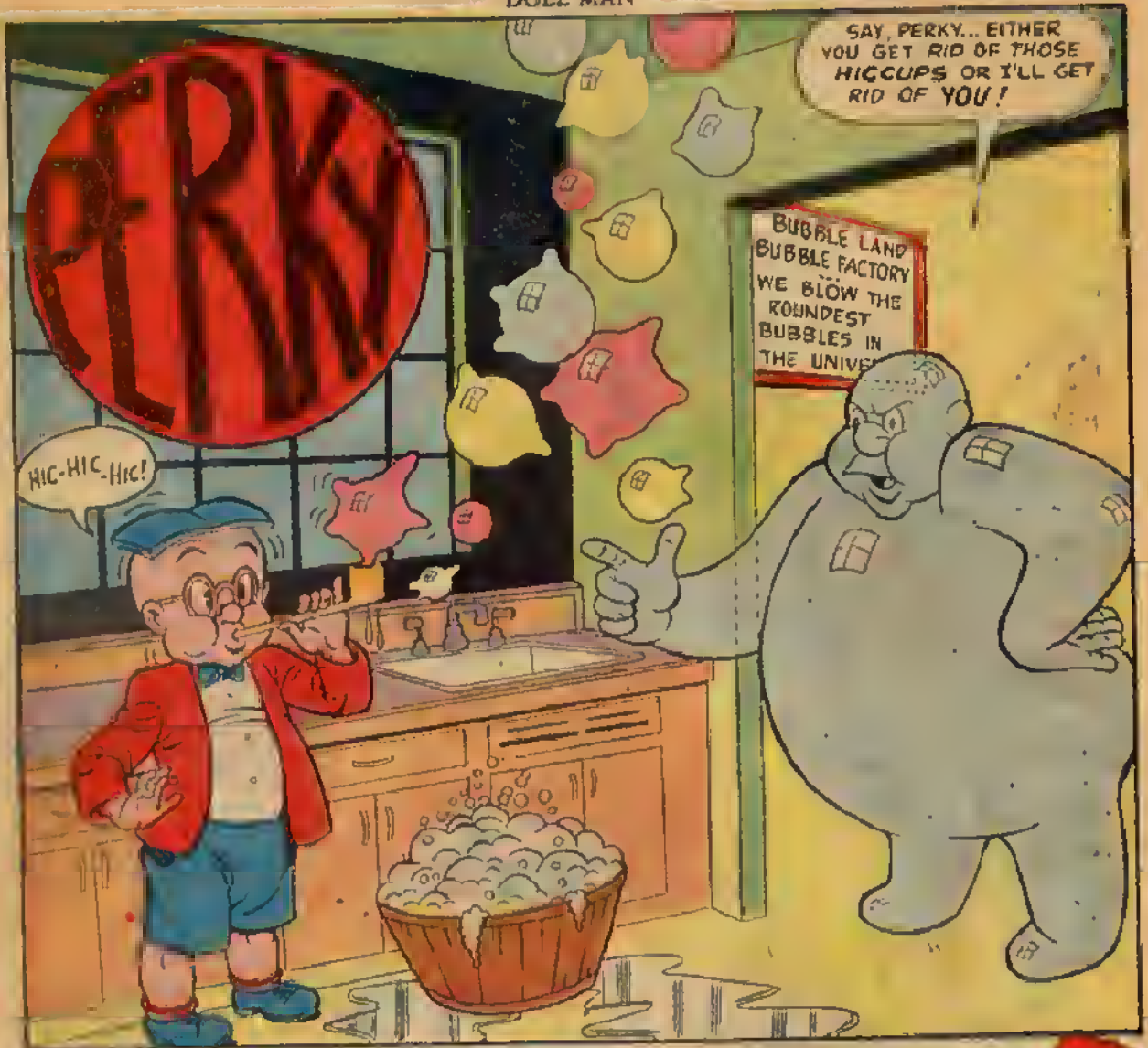




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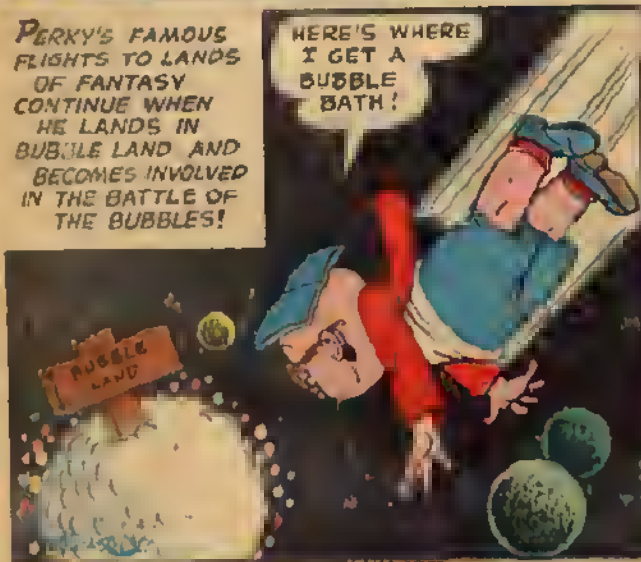






PERKY'S FAMOUS FLIGHTS TO LANDS OF FANTASY CONTINUE WHEN HE LANDS IN BUBBLE LAND AND BECOMES INVOLVED IN THE BATTLE OF THE BUBBLES!

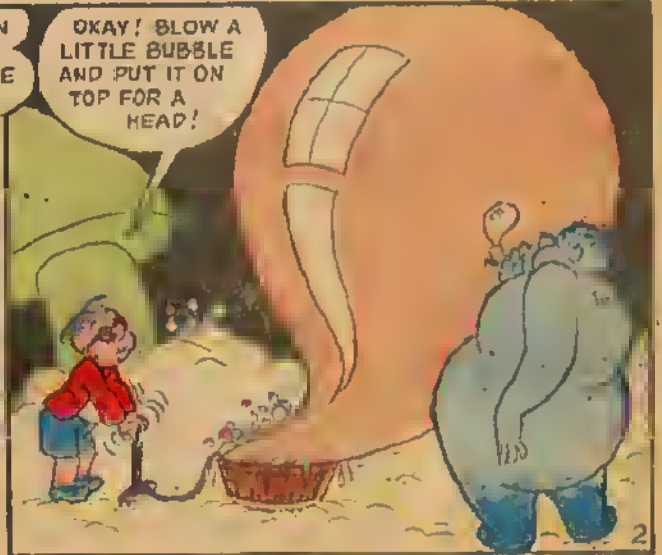
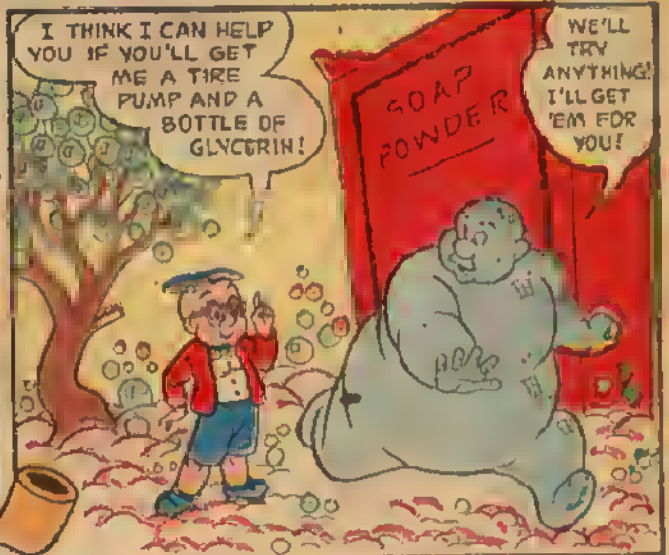
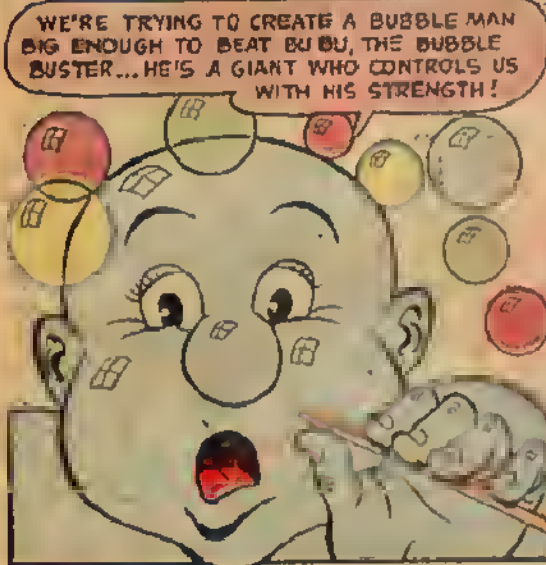
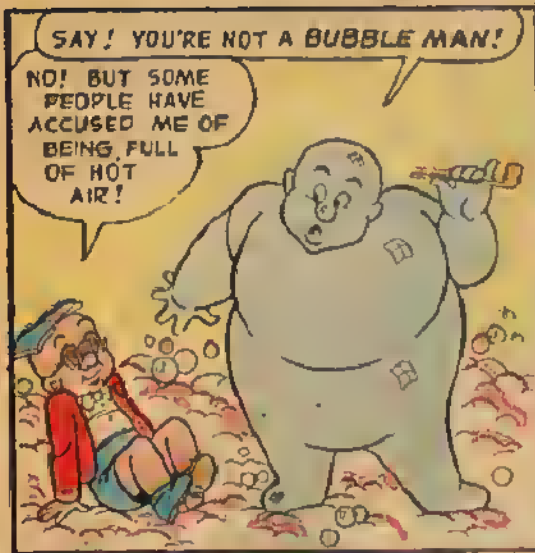
HERE'S WHERE I GET A BUBBLE BATH!



AHH! JUST LIKE A FEATHER MATTRESS!

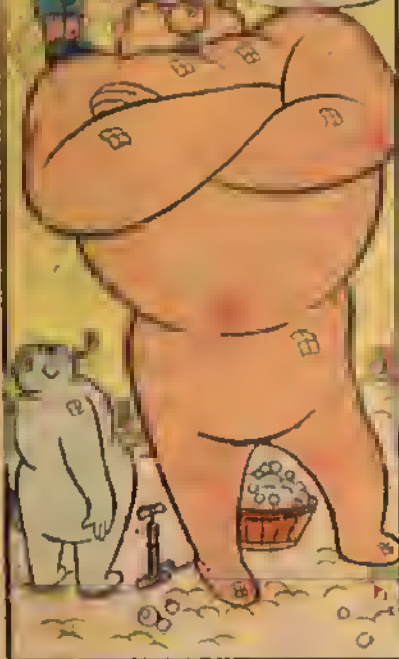


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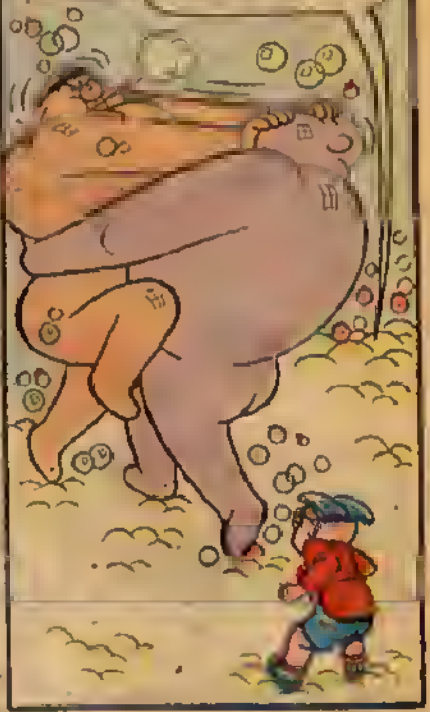
WELL, HE'S FINISHED...NOW I'LL PUT THIS BELT AROUND HIS HEAD! IT'LL SAVE HIM A LOT OF PUNISHMENT 'CAUSE BU BU CAN'T HIT BELOW THE BELT!



HEY! HERE COMES BU BU NOW! GO TO IT AND SHOW HIM YOU'RE NOT JUST A WIND BAG!



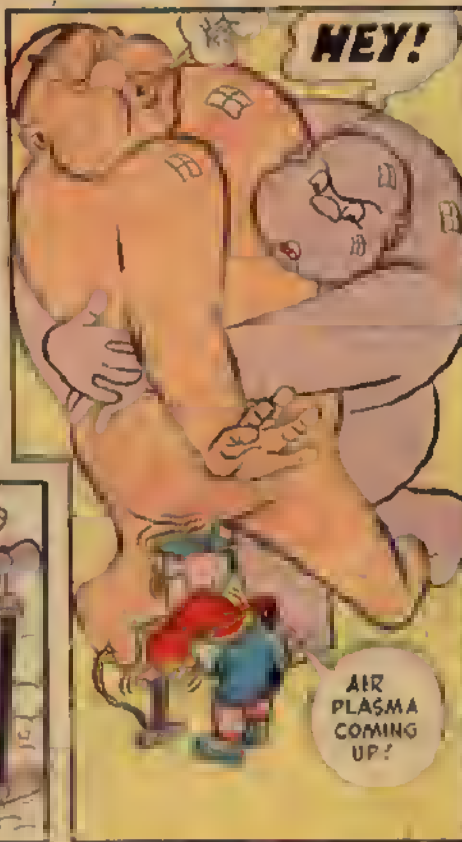
OH! OH! THERE'S NO PLACE FOR BU BU TO HIT MY MAN WITHOUT FOULING, SO HE'S USING A BEARHUG AND IT'S STARTING TO DEFLATE HIM!



THE ONLY WAY I CAN SAVE HIM IS TO PERFORM A TRANSFUSION, QUICK!



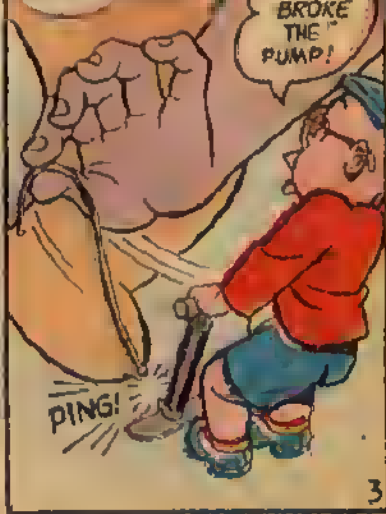
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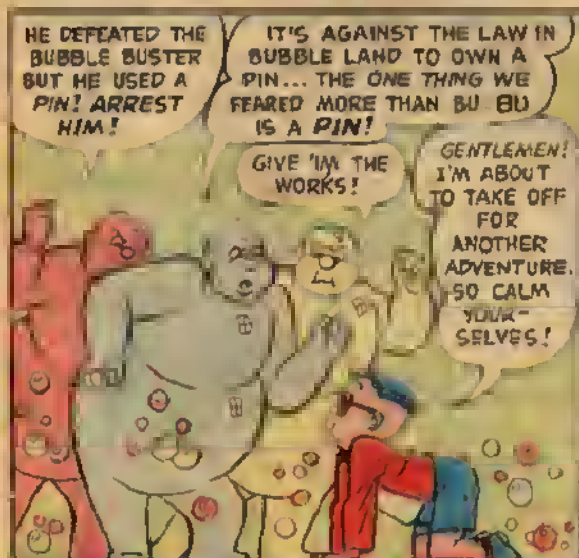
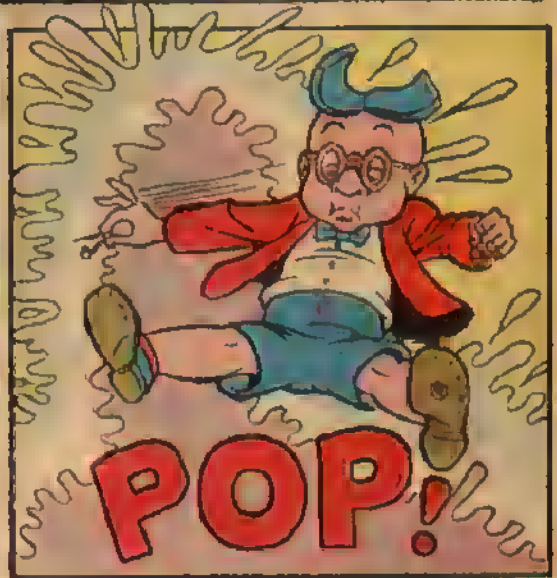
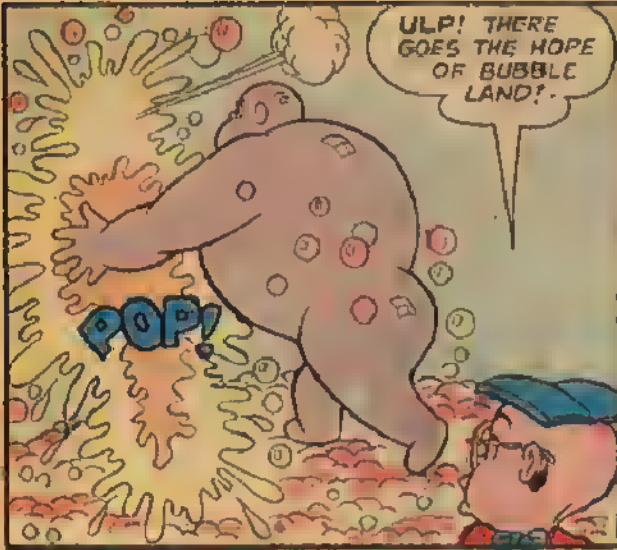


AIR PLASMA COMING UP!

'TAINT FAIR! I CAN'T SQUEEZE IT OUT AS FAST AS YOU'RE PUMPING IT IN!

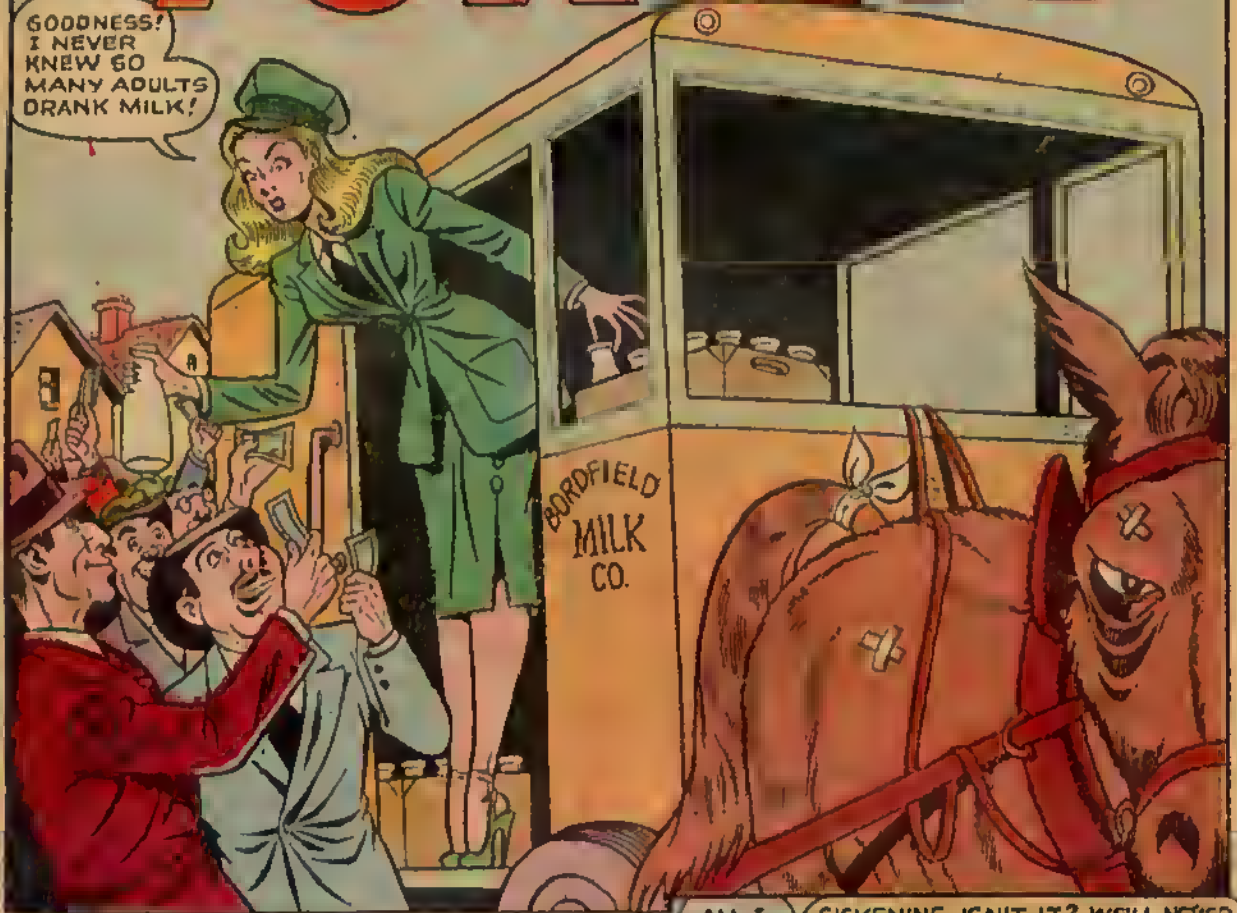
OH! HE BROKE THE PUMP!







# TORCHY



WHERE DID YOU EVER FIND THAT TODD GIRL, CYNTHIA? I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF HER!

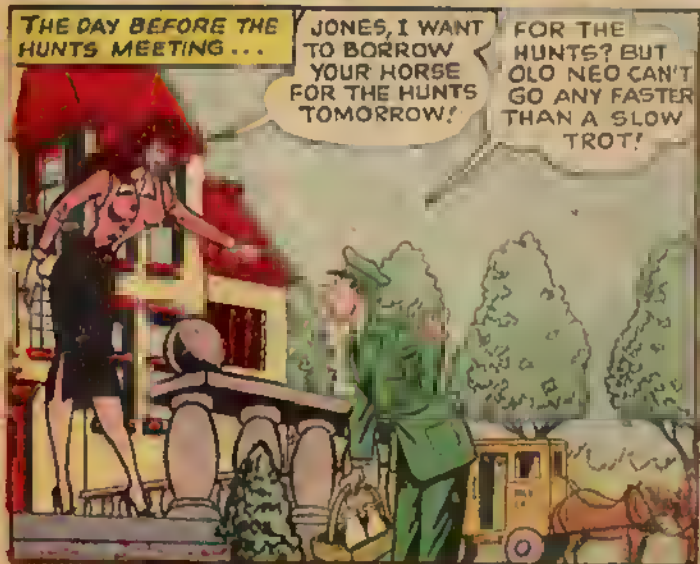
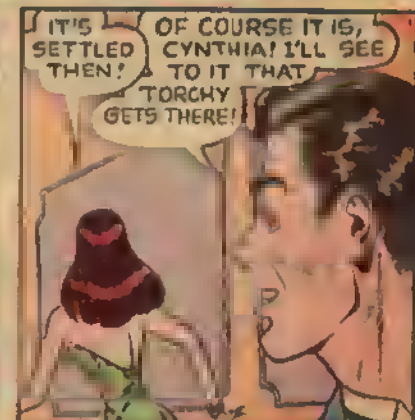
I DIDN'T INVITE HER HERE, MONICA! THAT FOOL FREDDIE VAN SMURD BROUGHT HER!

ALL I CAN SAY IS, WE MIGHT AS WELL BE DEAD FOR ALL THE NOTICE WE'RE GETTING FROM THE MEN!

SICKENING, ISN'T IT? WE'LL NEVER STAND A CHANCE WITH ANY OF THEM NOW THAT THEY'VE MET HER!



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NEXT DAY...

WELL, HERE SHE IS, CYNTHIA!

GOOD OLD FREDDIE! I KNEW I COULD DEPEND ON YOU! GREAT RIDING WEATHER, ISN'T IT, MISS TODD?



ER... YES... BUT I WONDER IF I COULD HAVE A GENTLE HORSE! YOU SEE, I'M NOT REALLY MUCH OF A RIDER!

OF COURSE! I'LL BE GLAD TO OBLIGE! DICK, BRING OUT A GENTLE MOUNT FOR MISS TODD!

GOODNESS! HE DOES LOOK GENTLE! WILL HE STAND UP VERY LONG?

CYNTHIA, YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT!



BUT MISS TODD DOES WANT A GENTLE HORSE!

YES, IT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT, FREDDIE!



WHAT DO I DO NOW, FREDDIE?

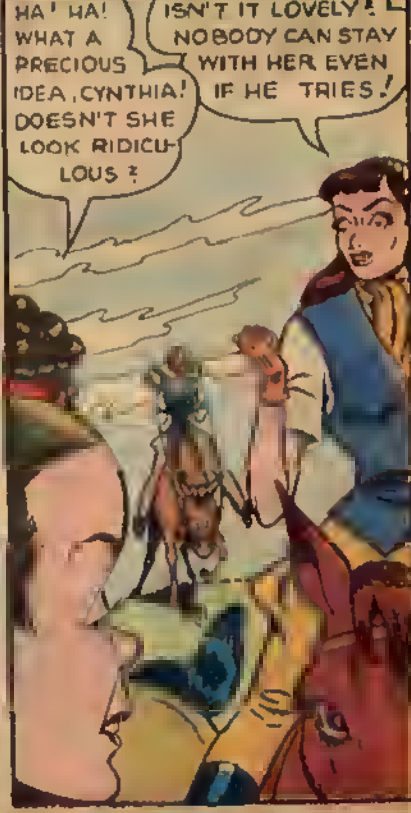
FOLLOW THE HOUNDS, TORCHY! LET'S GO!

WOOF! WOOF!



HA! HA! WHAT A PRECIOUS IDEA, CYNTHIA! DOESN'T SHE LOOK RIDICULOUS?

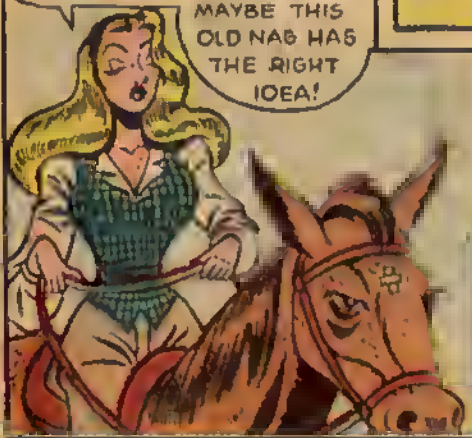
ISN'T IT LOVELY! NOBODY CAN STAY WITH HER EVEN IF HE TRIES!



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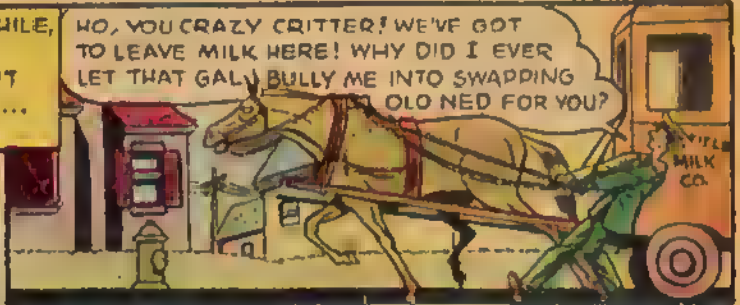
OH WELL. IT'S PRETTY SILLY TO GET EXCITED AND RUN LIKE MAD JUST BECAUSE THE HOUNDS ARE DOING IT!

MAYBE THIS OLD NAB HAS THE RIGHT IDEA!



MEANWHILE, AT A DISTANT HOUSE...

HO, YOU CRAZY CRITTER! WE'VE GOT TO LEAVE MILK HERE! WHY DID I EVER LET THAT GAL BULLY ME INTO SWAPPING AN OLD NED FOR YOU?



DOGGONE IF HE DOESN'T HEAR THOSE HUNTING DOGS! HE WANTS TO GET INTO IT!

WOOF! WOOF!



UH-OH! NOW HE'S COME TO A DEAD STOP! HE SEEMS TO BE SNIFFING SOMETHING!



GULP! HEY, WHERE DID YOU GET ALL THAT SPEED? HOLD IT! THINK OF YOUR RHEUMATISM!



YAWP: WHAT'S GOT INTO THAT OLD WRECK?

IT'S TORCHY! I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES! I DIDN'T EXPECT HER TO JOIN US FOR A WEEK!



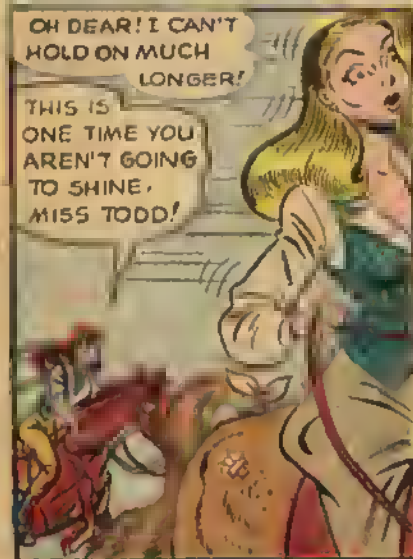
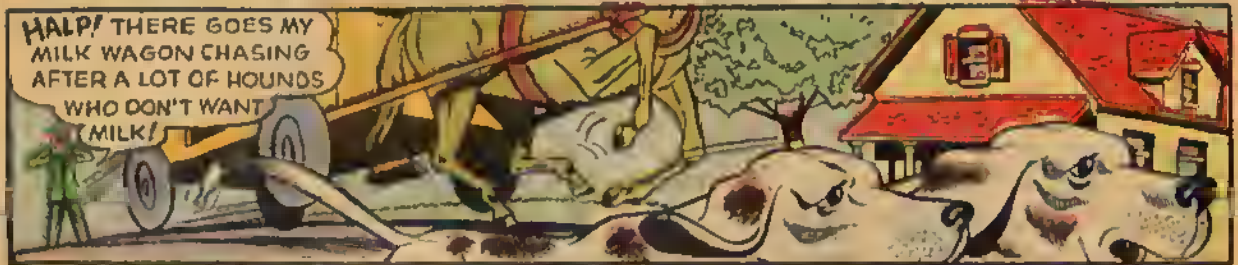
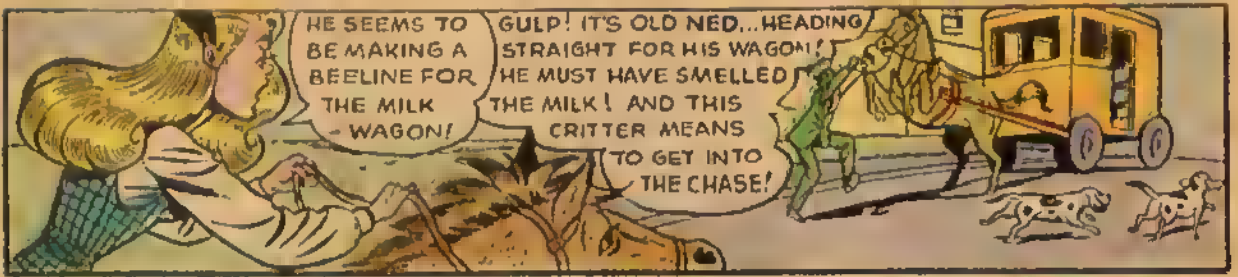
CYNTHIA, SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG! IF YOU DON'T BEAT HER, SHE'LL BE IN THE LIMELIGHT AGAIN!

I'LL DO IT OR BUST!





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# The AWFUL THING

THE evil Dr. Hornly could hear the pumps pulsing even as he unlocked his front door and a fierce surge of exultation swept through him. He almost ran down the long corridor and into his mammoth laboratory at the rear. His heart was thudding, his breath wheezing in his nostrils, his pulses racing with the thought of his triumph.

The Awful Thing sat quietly where he had left it, in the center of the laboratory floor. He thought for a moment that the little pile of bottles and beakers had not been placed so precisely on the edge of his bench when he went out, but he could not be sure and he was too excited to care.

He stared at the monstrous Thing he had created. The pumps had whirled for more than an hour now, driving the vital life-giving fluids through its artificial veins and arteries. By now, if his theories were right, it should be ready to show a spark of vitality.

Dr. Hornly stepped across to check the array of dials and then he froze in mid-stride. He had moved—and the artificial electronic eyes of the Awful Thing had moved, too, following passage.

He whirled. "You—you moved. You are a success."

A metallic jaw opened and from cavernous depths of mingled flesh and metal came a sombre voice. "Yes, I moved. You are Dr. Hornly. You created me."

"Yes," Dr. Hornly cried. "I created you. I made you out of the finest metals and plastics and glass, and out of flesh and bone as well. You are the most wonderful and the most awful creation in the Universe. And with you, I shall conquer the Universe. Nothing can ever stand against your fury."

"I can move," the Thing said slowly and stirred its vicious tentacles, armed with barbed lashes of steel, with metallic tentacles and with suction cups and powerful magnets for gripping any possible object. "I can travel." Its heavy wheels rumbled a few inches on the laboratory floor.

"Of course," babbled Dr. Hornly. "You can can do all that and more. You're half human and half machine, and wholly invincible. I gave you a human brain so you can think. It was a fine brain, taken from a man whose heart was bad. And I gave you a sound heart from another, whose life was ending. It will pump

the super-fluid of life through your vein channels when I disconnect the starter pumps."

"What am I for?" the Awful Thing demanded then.

"To destroy," snarled Dr. Hornly. "To kill and crush and tear. To smash your way into banks and vaults and secret hiding places until all the gold and valuables of Earth are mine. To meet and destroy those who would oppose me, until all the rest of the Earth has bowed in slavery before me. You are the mightiest creation of all. Your brain, stimulated by electronic calculators, can think beyond the limits of any human brain. Your eyes can see further, your ears hear better. You are mighty—but I am mightier, because I created you."

"Kill," the metallic voice said softly, as if to itself. "Smash and destroy, rob and plunder, terrify and enslave. So that is my destiny. And I am neither all machine nor all human, so I am dedicated to the destruction of both."

"That's right," Dr. Hornly cried, and a thin thread of fear went through him. "But I control you. I can stop you at any time."

"No doubt," the Awful Thing said. "You gave me strength and movement and a brain to think with. But you also gave me a heart, and my heart tells me no man has the right to rule others by fear, nor to take without giving. The brain you gave me understands power—but only the heart can understand right and justice, Dr. Hornly. I am superior even to you, for I have a heart and you have none."

Faster than the eye could follow, the steel tentacles snatched the bottles and beakers, pouring them together to produce a strange, amber fluid. It held this up while an agony of fright made Dr. Hornly bleat in wordless protest. "No—no—no!"

"This," the Awful Thing said, "is a mighty explosive, product of the brain you gave me. I created it before you came, because I suspected your purpose. There is no place on Earth for such as I—or such as you, Dr. Hornly. My heart tells me, that and my brain agrees."

And with these words, the great tentacle hurled the beaker of amber fluid to the floor. Dr. Hornly heard neither the echoes of his own wild shriek nor the thunderous blast that destroyed the last vestige of the Awful Thing and its creator.



# THE DOLL MAN

TRUTH... A SHINING LIGHT... THAT DESTROYS HEARTS OF EVIL! A CRUEL TYRANT SOUGHT TO MAKE TRUTH HIS TOOL AND TOY... BLOODSHE AND VIOLENCE MARKED HIS EFFORTS TO SEIZE WHAT HE COVETED! BUT AGAINST HIM AND HIS WORKS THE GLOW THAT ALL HIS SCHEMES WERE BARED IN THE COLD LIGHT OF LEGAL FACT!



When DARREL DANE EXERTS HIS GIGANTIC WILL POWER, THE COSMIC FORCES OF THE UNIVERSE UNITE TO CONCENTRATE THE MOLECULES OF HIS BEING...

...CHANGING HIM INTO THE DOLL MAN, THE MIGHTY MITE WHO BATTLES FOR JUSTICE AND RIGHT!



# DOLL MAN

THE INTERNATIONAL REPUTATIONS OF CARREL DANE AND DR. ROBERTS ATTRACT FELLOW SCIENTIFIC SAVANTS FROM MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD ...



WE'RE HONORED BY YOUR VISIT, HAKIM ALI! SCIENCE HAS SOUGHT FOR TRUTH IN MANY PLACES!

EXACTLY, DEAR DR. ROBERTS! IT IS MY RESEARCH IN THE EAST THAT SHOWS HOW TRUTH MAY BE HEARD FROM ANY LIPS!

NOT BY MACHINES OR DRUGS, GENTLEMEN, BUT BY CLEAR LIGHT DO I MAKE MEN SPEAK TRUTH!

HARK TO THE TRAITOR HAKIM ALI! TO THESE UNBELIEVING DOGS HE REVEALS SECRETS THAT SHOULD BELONG TO HIS MASTER ... ME!

DOCTOR, I SHALL GO TO MY HOTEL AND BRING BACK THE DEVICE TO SHOW ITS SUCCESS!

PERMIT ME TO ESCORT YOU, HAKIM ALI!



MR. DANE, IT IS THE DUTY OF TRUE SCIENTISTS TO COMBINE THEIR EFFORTS FOR THE WELFARE OF ALL MEN EVERYWHERE!

SEIZE THE FALSE HAKIM ALI!



NO YOU DON'T! RELEASE HIM... OHHH!

WELL STRUCK, FAITHFUL SERVANT! LEAVE THAT SWINE IN THE GUTTER WHERE HE BELONGS AND BRING HAKIM ALONG!



SOON...

HAI! WE CAN SEE EACH OTHER PLAINLY HERE ... AND SPEAK WITHOUT INTERRUPTION!

HOW I RECOGNIZE MY CAPTOR! YOU HAVE COME TO AMERICA!

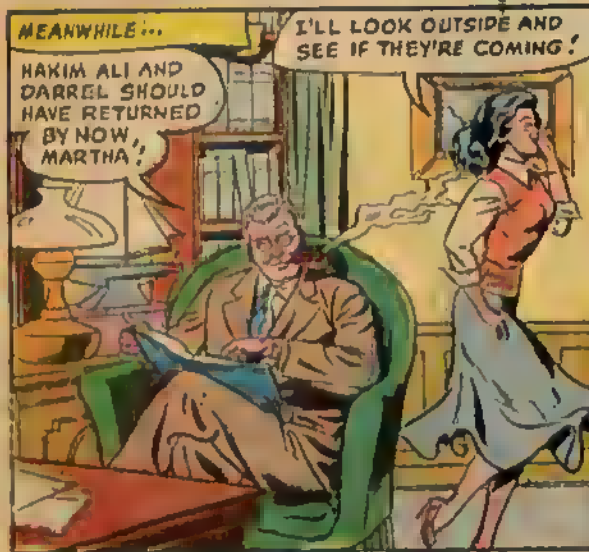


AYE, HAKIM ALI! I AM YOUR SULTAN! YOUR RULER! AS MY SUBJECT, YOUR DISCOVERY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ME ... NOT THESE INFIDELS!

GREAT ONE, THE SECRET OF TRUTH IS TOO MIGHTY TO BE TOLD UNTIL ALL THE WORLD IS READY TO RECEIVE IT!







# DOLL MAN

IN A FEW MINUTES, ON AN UPPER FLOOR OF HAKIM'S HOTEL ...

THEY GOT HIM BUT NOT HIS POSSESSIONS! I SEE INTERESTING EQUIPMENT INSIDE THE ROOM!

HE SPOKE OF LIGHT... HE MUST HAVE MEANT THE LAMP! AND HERE IS A FLASK OF STRANGE LIQUID, A CASKET OF UNKNOWN POWDER!

I HEAR A NOISE OUTSIDE!

THESE ARE PLAINLY THE THINGS WITH WHICH HAKIM ALI CREATES HIS MIRACLE OF TRUTH! FOR THIS DEED MY MASTER WILL RICHLY REWARD ME!

AND HERE, IF I MISTAKE NOT, IS A FORMULA IN HAKIM ALI'S WRITING... THE WAY IN WHICH TO USE THESE THINGS!

YOU'VE BROKEN THE LAW OF THIS COUNTRY, MY FRIEND! AND YOU'LL PAY FOR IT!

I OBEY ONLY THE LAW OF MY SULTAN, PUNY ONE! ARE YOU SOME PUPPET OF HAKIM ALI'S MAKING?

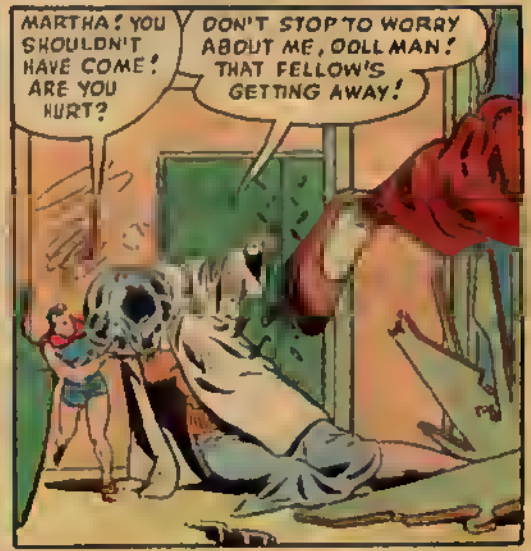
IN THIS COUNTRY, I AM CALLED THE DOLL MAN!

I HAVE HEARD STRANGE STORIES OF YOU! TO THOSE STORIES I WRITE FINIS...

HERE'S THE INK FOR YOU TO WRITE WITH! BUT DROP THAT KNIFE!



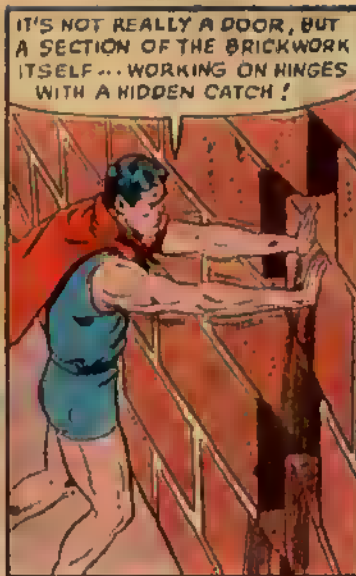
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A LOOSE BRICK IN THE WALL? IT YIELDS TO MY HAND...



IT'S NOT REALLY A DOOR, BUT A SECTION OF THE BRICKWORK ITSELF... WORKING ON HINGES WITH A HIDDEN CATCH!



AND AT THE END OF THIS HALLWAY I HEAR...

NOW, HAKIM ALI, WE HAVE YOUR LAMP, YOUR MATERIALS AND YOUR FORMULA! WILL YOU SHOW YOUR SECRET, OR MUST WE TORTURE YOU?



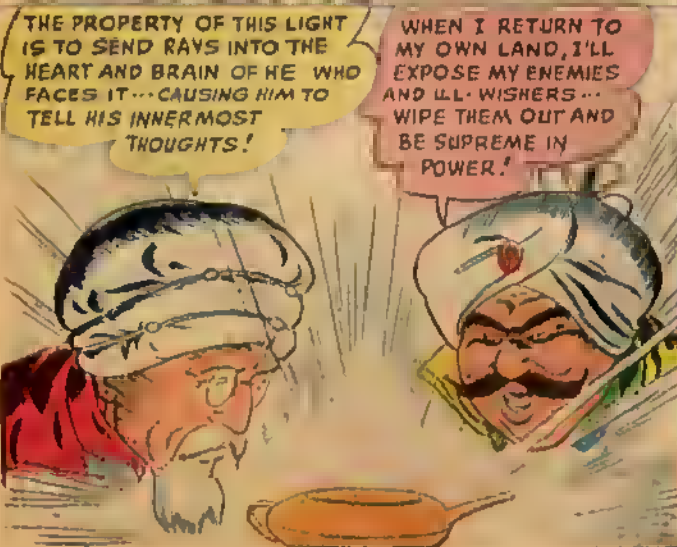
SINCE YOU INSIST, GREAT SULTAN, I HAVE DECIDED TO REVEAL THE TRUTH... TO SEE IF YOU AND YOUR SLAVES CAN ENDURE IT!

GOOD! WATCH HIM WELL, MEN! I'LL KEEP THIS FORMULA TO MAKE SURE HE BLENDS THE PROPER PROPORTIONS!



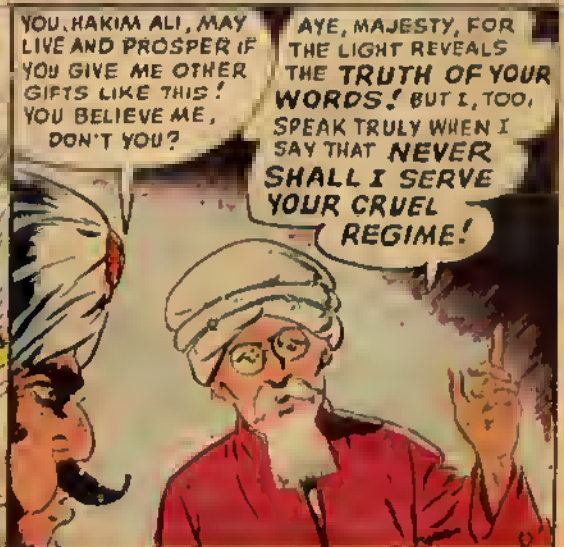
THUS WE MINGLE THE LIQUID AND THE POWDER! THE VAPOR RISES, MUST BE SET AFIRE...

LET ME DO THIS SMALL SERVICE FOR YOUR SCIENCE!



THE PROPERTY OF THIS LIGHT IS TO SEND RAYS INTO THE HEART AND BRAIN OF HE WHO FACES IT... CAUSING HIM TO TELL HIS INNERMOST THOUGHTS!

WHEN I RETURN TO MY OWN LAND, I'LL EXPOSE MY ENEMIES AND ALL WISHERS... WIPE THEM OUT AND BE SUPREME IN POWER!

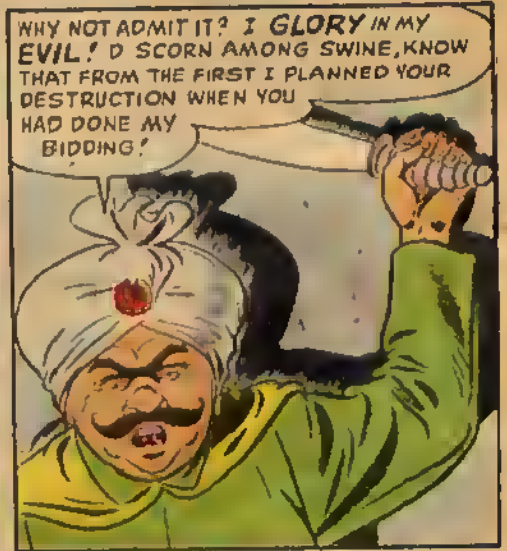
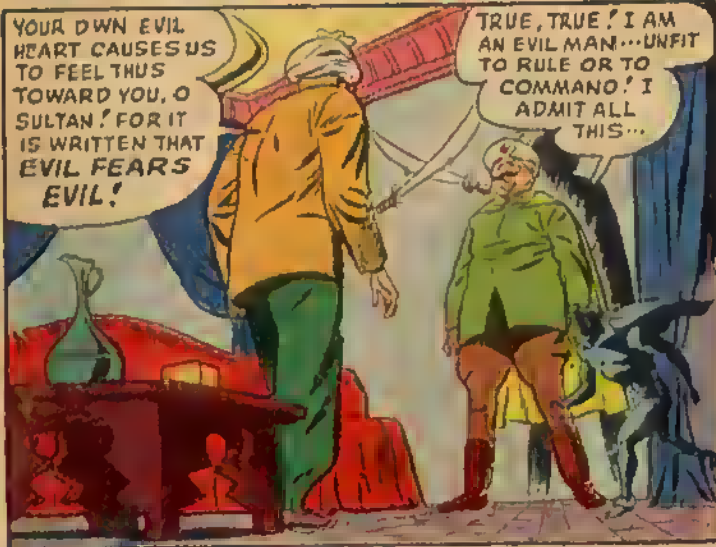


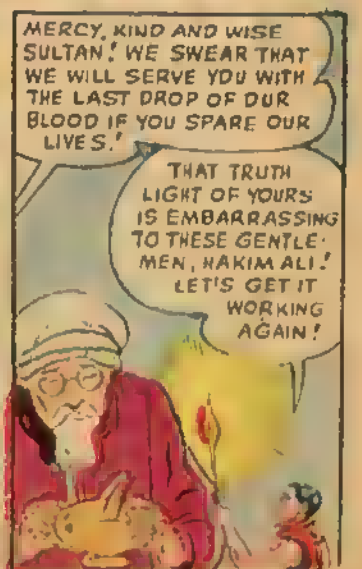
YOU, HAKIM ALI, MAY LIVE AND PROSPER IF YOU GIVE ME OTHER GIFTS LIKE THIS! YOU BELIEVE ME, DON'T YOU?

AYE, MAJESTY, FOR THE LIGHT REVEALS THE TRUTH OF YOUR WORDS! BUT I, TOO, SPEAK TRULY WHEN I SAY THAT NEVER SHALL I SERVE YOUR CRUEL REGIME!



# DOLL MAN







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WELL... PERHAPS IF YOU HONESTLY REPENT YOUR WICKEDNESS, I WILL FORGIVE ...

LOOK, SULTAN! THE TRUTH LIGHT AGAIN! NOW WE'LL KNOW WHAT TO BELIEVE!



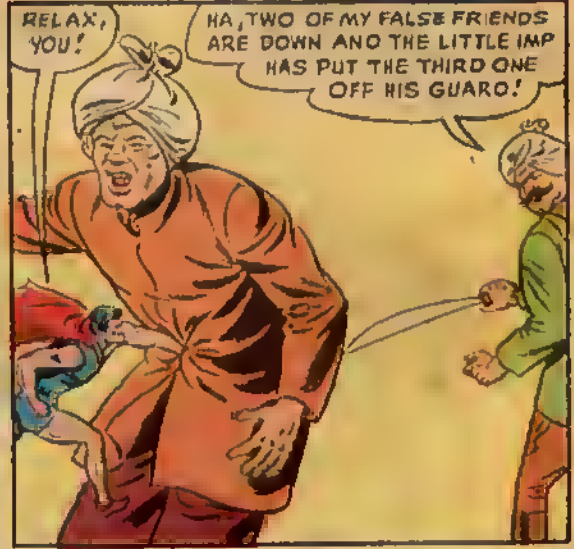
NO! I'LL NEVER FORGIVE! FAITHLESS FOLLOWERS, YOU SHALL DIE THE FOULEST OF DEATHS!

DID WE SAY WE REPENTED? NEVER! IF WE SERVE SO VILE A RULER, WE DESERVE TO DIE!



THE DWARF IS IN SOME WAY THE CAUSE OF OUR DISASTER! I'LL FINISH HIM!

DOUSE THE TRUTH LIGHT, HAKIM ALI! I HAVE SEEN ENOUGH OF ITS INTERESTING EFFECTS ON THE NATURES OF THESE MEN!



RELAX, YOU!

HA, TWO OF MY FALSE FRIENDS ARE DOWN AND THE LITTLE IMP HAS PUT THE THIRD ONE OFF HIS GUARD!



MY TROUBLES ARE OVER!

THEY'VE JUST BEGUN! I'M GOING TO SLAP YOU LOOSE FROM YOUR TITLE OF SULTAN!



NO! NEVER! I WON'T BE CAPTURED!

COME BACK!



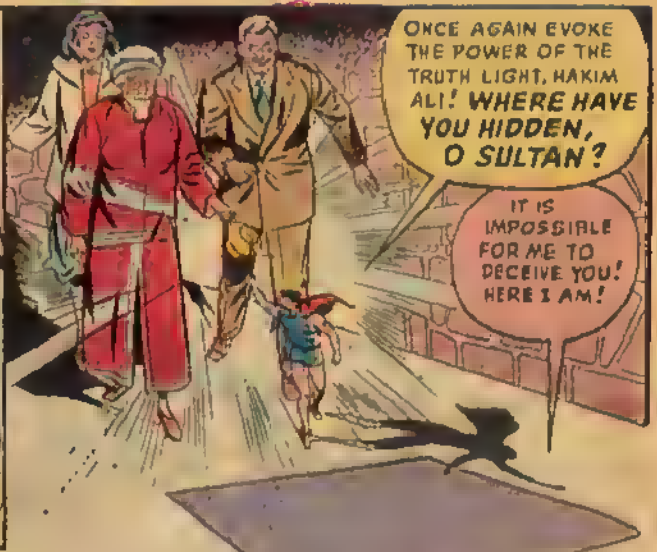
THIS IS THE PLACE OADDY!

BY ALL THE EVIL GODS! I AM CUT OFF FROM ESCAPE!



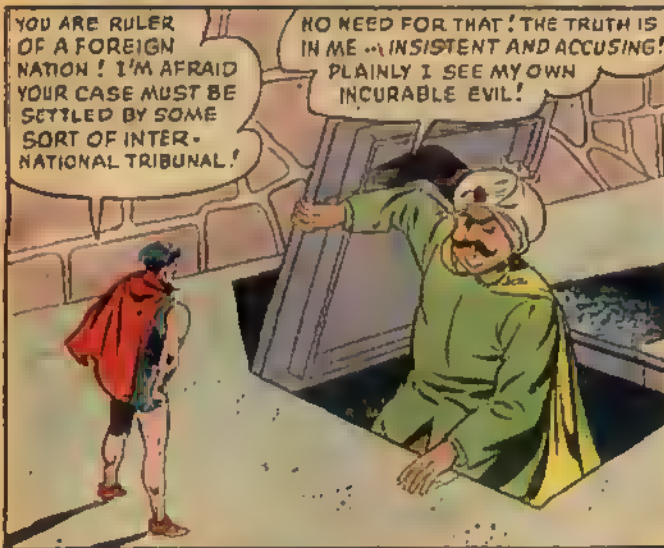
WHERE DID THAT MAN GO?

I DON'T KNOW! HE RAN BACK DOWN THE HALL AND SEEMED TO DROP FROM SIGHT!



ONCE AGAIN EVOKE THE POWER OF THE TRUTH LIGHT, HAKIM ALI! WHERE HAVE YOU HIDDEN, O SULTAN?

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO DECEIVE YOU! HERE I AM!

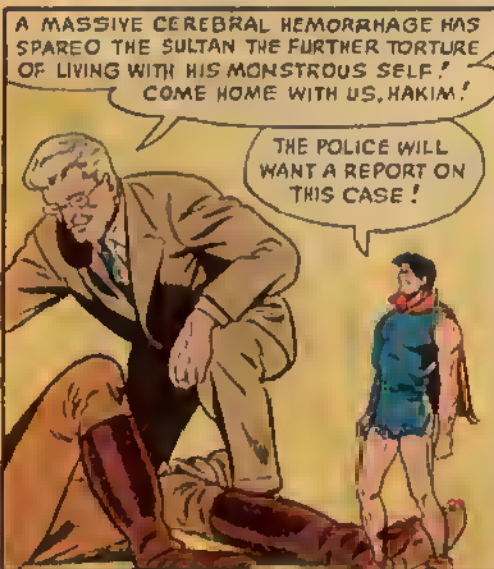


YOU ARE RULER OF A FOREIGN NATION! I'M AFRAID YOUR CASE MUST BE SETTLED BY SOME SORT OF INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL!

NO NEED FOR THAT! THE TRUTH IS IN ME... INSISTENT AND ACCUSING! PLAINLY I SEE MY OWN INCURABLE EVIL!



I... I FEEL FAINT... A TERRIBLE WEIGHT IMPRESSES ITSELF ON MY MIND! PERHAPS MY DEATH WILL ATONE FOR MY CRUEL AMBITIONS AND OPPRESSIONS!

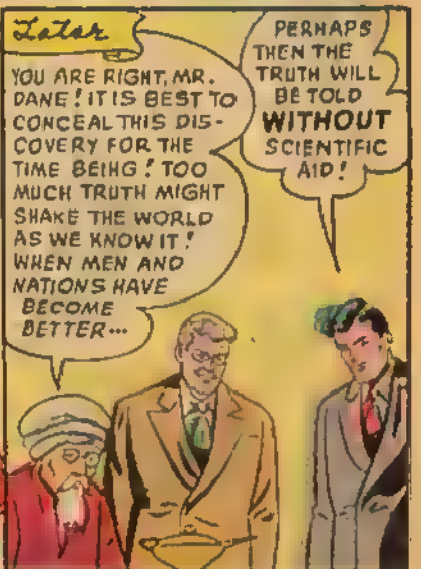


A MASSIVE CEREBRAL HEMORRHAGE HAS SPARED THE SULTAN THE FURTHER TORTURE OF LIVING WITH HIS MONSTROUS SELF! COME HOME WITH US, HAKIM!

THE POLICE WILL WANT A REPORT ON THIS CASE!

LEFT ALONE, THE DOLL MAN CONCENTRATES HIS TREMENDOUS WILL...

...BUT THE FULL IMPLICATIONS CANNOT YET BE MADE PUBLIC!



Later

YOU ARE RIGHT, MR. DANE! IT IS BEST TO CONCEAL THIS DISCOVERY FOR THE TIME BEING! TOO MUCH TRUTH MIGHT SHAKE THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT! WHEN MEN AND NATIONS HAVE BECOME BETTER...

PERHAPS THEN THE TRUTH WILL BE TOLD WITHOUT SCIENTIFIC AID!



# "U.S. ROYAL"

WITH HIS  
JET-PROPELLED BIKE



SPOILING THE  
GANGSTERS' SCHEME



THE STATE'S STAR  
WITNESS IS ON HIS  
WAY BY TRAIN TO  
SEND A VICIOUS  
GANG-LEADER UP  
THE RIVER... UNTIL  
THE GANGSTER'S  
MOB DECIDES TO  
SEND THE TRAIN  
INTO THE RIVER..



THERE GOES THE BRIDGE!  
TOO BAD WE CAN'T  
STICK AROUND TO WATCH  
THE BIG SPLASH!

BUT DEPUTY U.S. ROYAL AND THE ELM CITY BIKE  
CLUB BOYS ARE ON HAND WITH A FEW PLANS OF  
THEIR OWN!



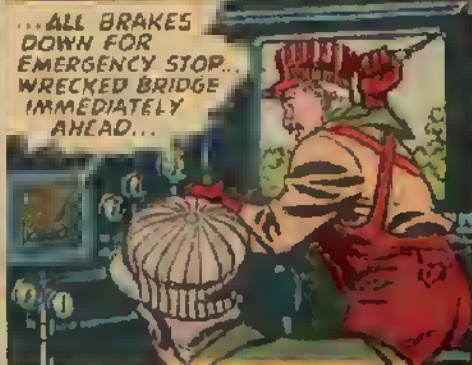
BOYS, YOU TAG THEIR CAR  
WHILE I TRY TO HEAD OFF  
THE TRAIN... SHE'S DUE  
HERE IN 5 MINUTES!



THERE'S THE  
CONTROL STATION  
UP AHEAD... NOW IF  
THEY CAN JUST  
RADIO THE TRAIN  
ENGINEER  
IN TIME!

SOON, INSIDE THE CAB OF THE DOOMED TRAIN...

...ALL BRAKES  
DOWN FOR  
EMERGENCY STOP...  
WRECKED BRIDGE  
IMMEDIATELY  
AHEAD...



YOUR SPEED  
SAVED OUR  
LIVES, ROYAL!

WE CAUGHT THE  
GANGSTERS --  
THANKS TO THE  
BOYS HERE  
TIPPING US  
OFF TO THEIR  
LICENSE NUMBER!

THEY MIGHT HAVE  
GOTTEN AWAY  
WITH IT, TOO, IF  
WE ALL HADN'T  
BEEN RIDIN' ON  
U.S. ROYAL  
BIKE TIRES!



FELLAS, IF IT'S BIKE SPEED  
WITH SAFETY YOU'RE AFTER,  
INSIST ON U.S. ROYAL BIKE  
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SKID-CHAIN MEANS TOP  
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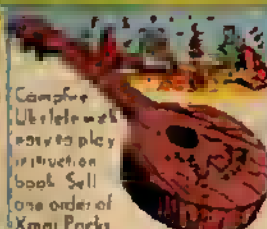
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